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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION LTA AIRSHIP

1. JAPANESE PRESS REPORTED JUNE 24 THAT SOCIETY OF JAPANESE AEROSPACE COMPANIES (SOJAC) HAS RECEIVED PROPOSAL FROM FLUGSCHIFF BAU HAMBURG (FBH) TO ENTER INTO JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF LTA AIRSHIP WITH FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

PAYLOAD - 400-500 PASSENGERS OR 80 TONS FREIGHT

LENGTH - 218 METERS

DAIMETER- 47 METERS

WEIGHT - 181 TONS

AIRSPPEED - 245 KNOTS

2. FBH REPORTEDLY PLANS TO COMPLETE SHIP OF THIS SIZE BY 1978. JAPANESE BEING ASKED TO PROVIDE 30 MILLION YEN (\$100 THOUSAND) IN FIST PHASE OF PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: SMALL INVESTMENT SOLICITED FROM JAPANESE INDICATES THAT PROGRAM IS STILL IN PAPER STUDY PHASE. EMBASSY CONTACTED SOJAC BY TELEPHONE AND CONFIRMED BASIC OUTLINE OF ABOVE STORY. SOJAC OFFICIAL SAID GERMAN PROPOSSL WAS PRIVATE ANSWER TO PRIVATE LETTER WRITTEN BY YOSHIO NAGAMORI AFTER HIS TRIP TO FRG IN UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCH AND STRESSED THAT SOJAC HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO REPLY.

END COMMENT.

4. IF USG AGENCIES WISH MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT, EMBASSY
WILL TRY TO OBTAIN.
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